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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1914.

Gov. Felker has followed the lead of Gov. Walsh of Massachusetts and has suspended the hunting season in New Hampshire.

The Germans have swept Belgium, but the allies will soon be in a position to carry war into the enemy's country. This morning's despatches report that they are within 12 miles of Metz, a German city.

The city of Springfield is to be congratulated on a fine bit of financing. The city treasurer has placed \$800,000 of 4½ per cent city bonds and \$200,000 of it at a premium that brings the interest rate down to 4.30. Only a few weeks ago New York city, our great American metropolis, placed a lot of new bonds at a 6 per cent rate, but these were, it is true, for short terms. The Springfield bonds are for 20 years.

The voters of Brattleboro who align themselves with one of these three parties—Democratic, Republican and Progressive—have a duty ahead of them at Monday night's caucuses for selection of candidates for the position of town representative. In order to make selections of candidates who are truly representative of the several parties there should be a large turnout of voters at each and every caucus; then we may hope to elect a man who is more truly representative of the entire town than would be possible were a few men to govern and control each caucus. The Democratic caucus is to be held in Red Men's hall, the Progressive caucus in Festival hall and the Republican caucus in the grocery. The time of assembly of each is 8 o'clock.

Never was a rain more cheerfully welcomed than this one. Dust had become a burden everywhere, and with the woods like tinder forest fires were a real menace. Many farmers have been obliged to go long distances to get water for their stock and for domestic uses. The ground was dry and hard in places where it is generally soft and moist. The rain has fallen so slowly and evenly that it has all been absorbed. There has not been enough yet to replenish springs, wells and water courses, but a good beginning has been made in putting the ground in condition to receive more rain. Old observers used to say that we would never have real winter until the swamps were filled with water. If that rule holds good this year many inches of rain must fall within the next few weeks. Nature is sometimes a little freaky in her moods, but she is pretty consistent in maintaining averages.

There is nothing sensational, surprising or even unexpected about the landslide in the Culebra cut, though some may try to make it appear so. In fact, it has been predicted that more of these obstructions would occur, but we have the assurance of the experts who have made such predictions that each one brings us nearer to stable conditions. The enterprise has been brought to practical completion ahead of the time schedule and while a number of vessels have passed through, its operation has been largely of a test character. These tests have been on the whole very satisfactory, especially as determining the working of the locks, which might naturally be regarded as the most uncertain feature of the problem. The engineering has been of such a skillful character, under the direction of Colonel Goethals, that as long as he remains calm and confident we have no

reason for being frightened or distrustful. No time will be lost in the work of removing the present mass that is temporarily blocking navigation. It may be a little awkward for the six vessels that are being held up, but even at the worst they will be freed long before they could have made their trips around the Horn.

At the Library

New Books for Boys and Girls

"It is easy to get children to read good books. It needs only a little ingenuity, a little painstaking, a little giving up of time and pleasure on the part of us who are parents."

Harper's Beginning Electricity, D. C. Shafer.

The introduction explains what is known of electricity, this is followed by simple experiments for the beginner and description of the modern uses of electricity. The book closes with an appendix giving a history of electricity and a brief electrical dictionary. The book will interest adult readers.

Harper's Book for Young Naturalists, A. H. Verrill.

A guide for collecting and preparing specimens with descriptions of the life, habits and haunts of birds, insects, plants, etc. "This book is written for boys who are interested in out-of-doors life and out-of-doors work, and who are anxious and willing to learn all they can of nature's wonders, animate and inanimate, and who want to collect something of value and interest in an intelligent way. The author has endeavored to tell plainly and concisely all about the collection, preparation, and arrangement of nature-study collections suitable for a boy's museum." (From the Preface.)

Harper's Gasoline Engine Book, A. H. Verrill.

The book tells how the engine is made, how to use it at home, how to use it in boats and vehicles and elsewhere, when necessary and most important of all—how to keep it in order. Very few technical terms are used; it is well illustrated by diagrams and photographs. The appendix includes an alphabetical list of motor troubles with the remedies and a glossary of technical terms.

Harper's Wireless Book, A. H. Verrill.

Explains clearly the principles, the construction and operation of wireless telegraphy, telephony and power transmission. Has a chapter on wireless of the past and of the future and gives an account of a Boy's successful station. The illustrations are many and helpful.

John and Betty's Irish History Visit, M. Williamson.

John and Betty have already made history visits to England and Scotland, and now turn their attention to less familiar Ireland. Their first stopping place is Dublin where they see in the library of Trinity college the most famous of all ancient illuminated manuscripts, The Book of Kells. They continue their journey, visiting Drogheda, the Boyne Valley, County Wicklow, Cork and Blarney castle, the Lakes of Killarney, Belfast castle, the Lakes of Killarney, Belfast, and end their pilgrimage at St. Patrick's grave in Downpatrick.

The Man with the Iron Hand, John C. Parish.

The first of a series, "True Tales of the Great Valley," in which the author aims to write these tales as romance is written, with "life, action, color, so that the history of the Great Valley may live." The narratives are based on documentary material edited by Margry, Shea and others and the stories are all told from the standpoint of the Indian; this one has Henry de Tonty, the follower of La Salle, as its central figure, he having remained in the valley if the Mississippi and in close relations with its inhabitants for a quarter of a century.

Mother Goose; the Old Nursery Rhymes, illustrated by Arthur Rackham.

Mr. Rackham has chosen the rhymes he liked best and loved to have told in his own nursery days. The illustrations are in color and also in black and white.

Montenegro, a Land of Warriors, R. Trevor.

"When God was making the world He carried all the mountains in a great sack and placed them here and there as He thought best. While passing over Montenegro He halted, in order to make a gift of a mountain to the country, when by great misfortune the sack burst, and the mountains, rocks and stones came tumbling down, pell mell on to poor Montenegro, where to this day they form a bewildering mass." So runs the old legend which has grown up in Montenegro to account for its bleak, rugged, mountainous surface. In this small volume one may find the history, legends and customs of this warlike nation.

There are people right now who are getting the Christmas trees ready for you.

MANY IGNORANT OF NATIONAL LAW

Provisions of the Federal Law Requiring a Standard Barrel in Packing Apples.

Many apple growers are found who do not know anything about the national apple packing law. It is hoped that all farmers will conform to it as nearly as possible.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that the standard barrel for apples shall be of the following dimensions when measured without distention of its parts: Length of stave, 28½ inches; diameter of head, 17½ inches; distance between heads, 26 inches; circumference of bulge, 64 inches outside measurement, representing as nearly as possible 7,056 cubic inches, provided that steel barrels containing the interior dimensions provided for in this section shall be constructed as a compliance therewith.

"Sec. 2. That the standard grades for apples when packed in barrels shall be shipped or delivered for shipment in interstate or foreign commerce, or which shall be sold or offered for sale within the District of Columbia or the territories of the United States, shall be as follows: Apples of one variety, which are well-grown specimens, hand picked, of good color for the variety, normal shape, practically free from insect and fungous injury, bruises, and other defects, except such as are necessarily caused in the operation of packing, or apples of one variety which are not more than 10 per cent below the foregoing specifications shall be 'standard grade minimum size 2½ inches,' if the minimum size of the apples is 2½ inches in transverse diameter; 'standard grade minimum size 2¼ inches,' if the minimum size of the apples is 2¼ inches in transverse diameter; or 'standard grade minimum size 2 inches,' if the minimum size of the apples is 2 inches in transverse diameter.

"Sec. 3. That the barrels in which apples are packed in accordance with the provisions of this act may be branded in accordance with section 2 of this act.

"Sec. 4. That all barrels packed with apples shall be deemed to be below standard if the barrel bears any statement, design or device indicating that the barrel is a standard barrel of apples, as herein defined, and the capacity of the barrel is less than the capacity prescribed by section 1 of this act, unless the barrel shall be plainly marked on end and side with words or figures showing the fractional relation which the actual capacity prescribed by section 1 of this act.

"Sec. 5. That barrels packed with apples shall be deemed to be misbranded within the meaning of this act:

"First. If the barrel bears any statement, design or device indicating that the apples contained therein are 'standard grade' and the apples when packed do not conform to the requirements prescribed by section 2 of this act.

"Second. If a barrel bears any statement, design or device indicating that the apples contained therein are 'standard grade' and the apples when packed do not conform to the requirements prescribed by section 2 of this act.

"Sec. 6. That any person, firm or corporation, or association, who shall knowingly pack or cause to be packed apples in barrels, or who shall knowingly sell or offer for sale such barrels in violation of the provisions of this act, shall be liable to a penalty of \$1 and costs for each such barrel so sold or offered for sale, to be recovered at the suit of the United States in any court of the United States having jurisdiction.

"Sec. 7. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after the 1st day of July, 1913."

The Balance Sheet of Governmental Regulation.

(From an address at Pittsburg by Ivy L. Lee of the Pennsylvania Railroad.)
The Eastern railroads of the United States invested in their property in the three years 1910-1913 the sum of \$660,000,000 new money. Yet at the end of the fiscal year 1914 these same companies were \$90,000,000 worse off in net earnings than before the \$660,000,000 had been spent.

During the past four years the Pennsylvania railroad system increased its gross business by \$34,000,000, but the increased expense of handling the business was \$55,000,000. Thus the increase of \$34,000,000 in gross earnings was counterbalanced by a loss of \$21,000,000 in net revenue.

The federal government and the forty-nine states are pulling and tugging at railroad managers, giving conflicting orders, imposing the caprice of theorists oftentimes over the experienced judgment of experts. The field within which railroad managers may exercise their trained abilities is slowly diminishing. Expenditures are being arbitrarily imposed, regardless of their relative desirability.

This invasion by government of railroad management is one of the disquieting elements of the future. Government regulation, so sound in theory, has up to now developed this situation: The public demands improving service; the increased and improved service does not pay its way; yet the government, while continually interfering with management, accepts no responsibility for the financial result.

"It Can't Be Done."

The man who misses all the fun is he who says, "It can't be done!" In solemn pride he stands aloof and greets each venture with reproof. Had he the power, he'd efface The history of the human race; We'd have no steam nor trolley cars, No streets lit by electric stars; No telegraph nor telephone. Where when some keen barbaric brain Of life's conditions dared complain, And planned a wheel on which to roll The load his arms could not control, Sneers rose from all the mighty crew That ever scoffed at what is new. The world would sleep if things were run By men who say, "It can't be done!" —Washington Star.

WEST BRATTLEBORO

Mrs. C. I. Stafford is visiting relatives in Wilmington a few days.

Mrs. Harry Covey was operated upon in the Memorial hospital Saturday morning.

Frank W. Briggs and family have shipped their goods to Connecticut and they have gone there to live.

The Cozy Corner club took dinner and spent a very pleasant afternoon with Mrs. Fred Wilder Thursday.

Mrs. Crosby of Dummerston has come to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dan Wilder, to spend the winter.

Leroy Wilder, who was injured a few days ago by falling from a bridge in Grafton, where he was at work, returned to his work there this week.

Mrs. J. L. Stockwell, Hazen Stockwell, Mrs. B. S. Miller and Mrs. Pauline Ward visited with Mrs. Martha Tyler in South Vernon Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Prefontaine, who have been living in Springfield, Mass., several months, have returned and will

go to Guilford to live with Horace Newton.

Fred Johnson has returned from a few days' trip to Springfield, Mass., during which time his daughter attended to his route from Wilmington to Brattleboro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson of Fishers Island are visiting their daughter, Mrs. H. H. Thurber, a few days. From here they will go to West Lebanon, Me., to visit their son.

October.

Crack your first nut and light your first fire.

Roast your first chestnut on the bar; Make the logs sparkle, stir the blaze higher.

Logs are cheery as sun or as star, Logs we can find wherever we are.

Spring one soft day will open the leaves.

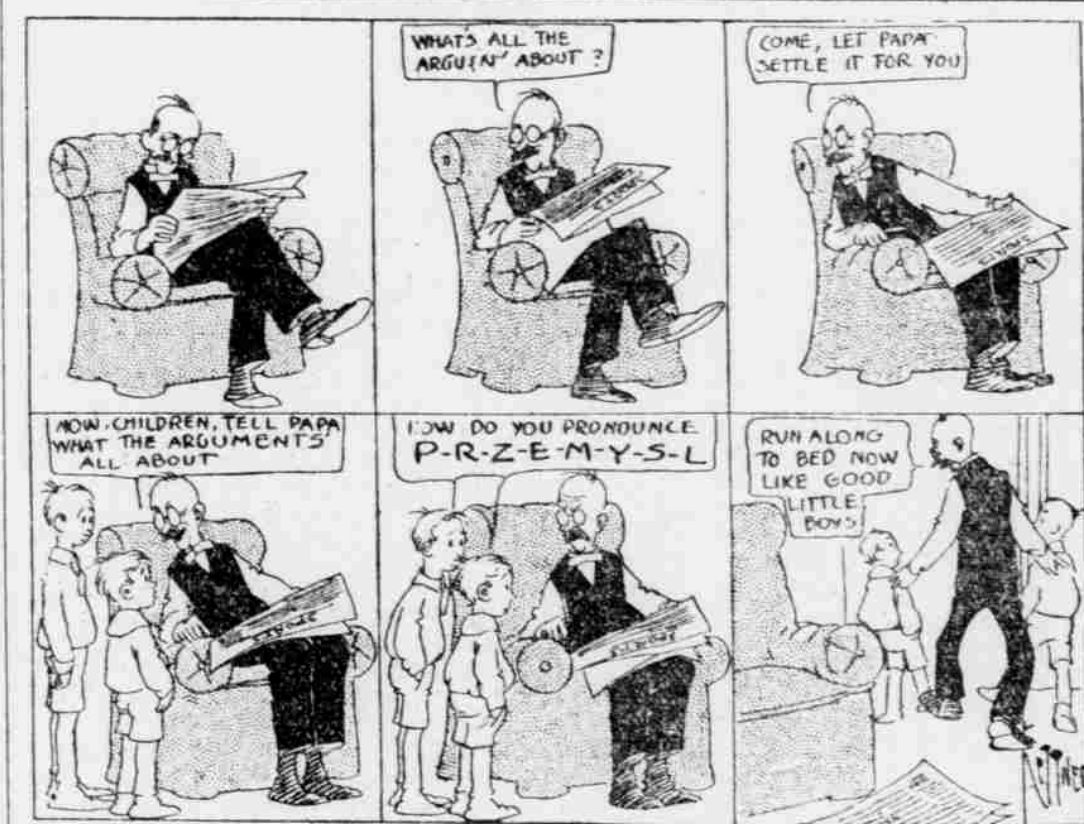
Spring one bright day will lure back the flowers;

Never fancy my whistling wind grieves, Never fancy I've tears in my showers;

Dance, nights and days! and dance on, my hours!

—Christina G. Rossetti.

ONE WAY OF SETTLING IT



MADONNA SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION.

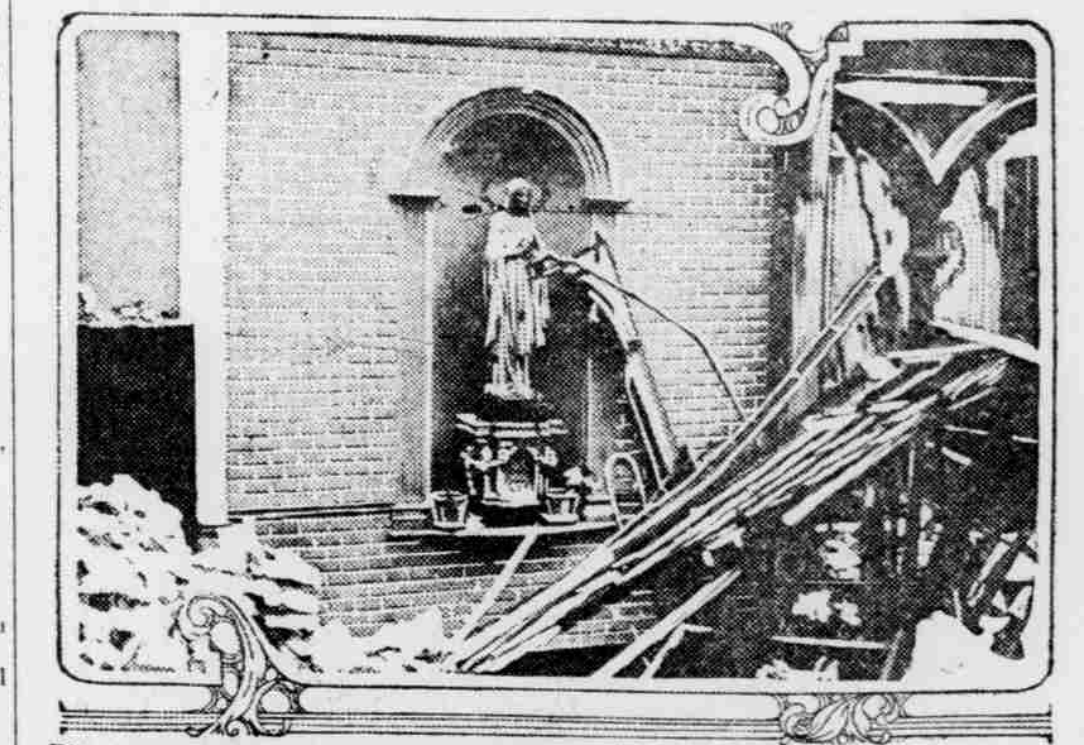


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This little statue, standing in a niche of a small convent in Termonde, was unharmed, though the building was destroyed and a portion of the roof fell within a few inches of the image.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Swedish Evangelical Lutheran church. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 11:50. The young people's society will meet next Wednesday.

Unitarian church, Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood pastor. Service Sunday morning at 10:30. Subject of sermon, The Lesson of the Falling Leaf. Sunday school at 11:45. All are welcome.

Advent Christian church, Rev. O. W. Hoyer minister. Sermon at 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school at 12; children's meeting at 6 p. m.; sermon at 7 p. m. Annual business meeting of the W. H. and P. M. society at 2 p. m. Thursday. Midweek prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Thursday.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Emerson building, Elliot street. Sunday service at 10:45. Subject, Doctrine of Atonement. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock. Reading room open daily except Sundays and legal holidays, from 3 to 5. All are welcome.

Universalist church, Rev. D. E. Trout minister. Divine worship 10:30 a. m. with sermon. Subject, The Valley of Baca, or The Victorious Pilgrimage of Life; Bible school 11:45; Y. P. C. U. service 7 p. m., in charge of Miss Grace Cooper. Topic, The Japan Mission; preaching service in Guilford Center at 3 p. m., with christening service.

Methodist church, Rev. Thomas W. Owens pastor, Sunday morning at 10:30 special rally day services will be observed, with talk by the pastor. A chorus choir has been arranged for and the children will assist. Everyone invited, especially the former members of the Sunday school. Epworth league at 6 p. m. Subject, A Nation Without a Saloon: How and When? Hab, 2:1-14. Leader, Clarence Johnson. Regular preaching service at 7 p. m. Church prayer meeting Friday evening at 7:30.

First Baptist church, Rev. George E. Tomkinson minister. Sunday services, 10:30 a. m., sermon by pastor, Subject, The Great Climax; 11:45 a. m., Bible school, with meeting of Barnea and Philothea classes; 7 p. m., service with preaching by pastor, Subject, God in Man. Tuesday evening, 7:30, Christian Endeavor meeting in chapel, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pretlow, who will devote the hour to reports and discussions of the Christian Endeavor convention recently held in Newport. This will be a very interesting meeting, and all are invited. Friday, 7:30 p. m., regular midweek meeting of the church in the chapel.

Centre Congregational church. Rev. Roy M. Houghton minister. Sunday service: 10:30 a. m., divine worship with sermon by Dr. James L. Tryon. Subject, The European War and the Way to Peace; 11:45 a. m., session of the Sunday school, to which all are cordially invited; 7 p. m., Christian Endeavor meeting in the chapel. Subject, A Saloonless Nation: Why Not? How? Hab, 2:1-14. Leader, Harry Rhodes; 8 p. m., stereopticon lecture by Dr. Tryon in the church. Subject, One Hundred Years of Peace with Great Britain. Tuesday, 7 p. m., Boy Scout meeting in the chapel. Friday at 7:30 p. m., devotional service of the church in the chapel. Subject, The Sources of the church of Tomorrow. Mark 9:33-37; Deut. 6:4-9.

"Why didn't you attend Jack's wedding?" asked a visiting friend of a Jacksonville girl yesterday. "Why? Because I wanted to remember poor Jacks as he looked in life," replied the latter in a pitying tone.—Florida Times-Union.

A girl who saw the Atlantic ocean for the first time was standing on the beach, gazing dreamily over the expanse of foaming water. "So this is the first time you've ever seen the ocean?" said her escort. "Yes, the very first time." "And what do you think of it?" "Ah!" she sighed in ecstasy, "It smells like oysters."—National Food Magazine.